

L571 OCS Practice Exercise

I. Determine strong and weak position of jers (including tense jers) in these words and tell if the Russian equivalent accurately reflects this distribution of weak and strong jers:

lьstь rьsь гьръть starьсь vьzьmъ rьтъ zьlo

novyi bratija slavii imenije

Based on your knowledge of OCS and Russian differences in the treatment of tense jers, tell which of the

following names reflect Russian origin, and which Church Slavonic: Sergej/Sergij, Aleksej/Aleksij, Marija/Marьja, Anastasija/Nastasьja.

II. Identify the morphophonemic alternation in each type that follows. Indicate the basic historical cause of each. Which cases have Russian equivalents? What are they?

drugь družě vьkь~vьcě~vьci bogь~božě~bože

pastuxь~pastusě prorokь~proročiti imeь~imeni

pluti~plovъ~plavati žeti~žьnъ bra-ti seь~bof-ъ seь

kla-ti~kol-ъ suxь~suša mogъ~možetь~mošti~mozi

umьla~umrěti~umьrъ mesti~metъ~melь

načeti~načinati~načьnetь~iskoni~konьсь~konьčiti~konьčati

kradetь~krasti~kralь~kražda

rečetь~naricati~rьci~rešti

otvěť~otvēštati

voždь~voditi~obodь

III. What happened to the following Common Slavic constructs in OCS? Modern Russian?

*duxja *nozьь *zědja *rězъ *iskъ *zemja *kozja *straxьнь *slugiti
*мыкěti *obvida *metti *pletla *nosja *světja *medja *dychěti